

Torrance, California
August 16, 1938

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, August 16, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was suspended.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mrs. Fern Pruitt, owner of the Dolley Annex Cafe, asking some redress for three rubber mats removed from the rear of the cafe by the City of Torrance pick-up truck.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the street department for investigation and report at the next meeting. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: HITCHCOCK, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

A communication was read from Tom Waters, requesting that Lots 1 and 2, Block 19, Torrance Tract, be rezoned for business. The matter was referred to the City Engineer for report at the next meeting.

Following a reading of a communication from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Council of the City of Torrance does not elect to pay out of its municipal funds all or any portion of the amount of the Metropolitan Water District tax, which would otherwise be levied upon property within the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1938-1939. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Reverend and Mrs. M.E. Nicholls, Pastors of the Foursquare Gospel Church, applying for a permit to use an amplifier car twice each week in announcing church services. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. There being no second, the motion failed to carry.

A communication was read from the State Relief Administration, advising that operations at the Community Garden Project will commence within a few days.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting that a certain location be designated for placing of a Torrance Highway Sign.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The North Torrance Improvement Association in regard to the Alondro ~~Park~~ assessment matter. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk and City Engineer be authorized to attend a meeting in Redondo Beach, August 19, 1938 at 8:00 P.M. in connection with this matter. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition, signed by twenty-five people, was read, requesting that a street light be placed at the junction of Dominguez Street and Columbia Court Street.

Councilman Hitchcock suggested that this matter be referred to the Light Committee for investigation and report at the next meeting. Investigation of requests for street lights on Acacia Street and Beech Street were included in Councilman Hitchcock's suggestion.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 305

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1938.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Emergency

Ordinance No. 305 be dispensed with. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Emergency Ordinance No. 305 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 306

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUILDING LINES ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ARLINGTON AVENUE, FROM REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TO 190th STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 306 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 306 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$188.00 be made for the purchase of tables for the auditorium. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$63.00, plus sales tax, be made for the purchase of six unbreakable street lighting globes, for use on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$42.50 be made for replacing light standard on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN; Powell.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$140.00 plus transportation, be made for the appearance of the Torrance Municipal Band at the forthcoming 1938 Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Murray moved that Mr. Dale Riley be appointed as superintendent of all recreation departments of the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Electrician be authorized to remove all neon lighting units as they become impaired, with the exception of the neon light in North Torrance; also to remove the screed guard from the sign on Vermont Street to the North Torrance sign. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk, City Attorney, City Engineer and City Council be authorized to attend the State League Convention at Santa Barbara September 6, 7, 8, and 9, all expenses in connection therewith to be paid by the City of Torrance. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the

following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$470.53, plus sales tax, be made for a Waukesha Engine, to be used in the WALTERIA fire truck. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN; Powell.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$115.00 be made for installation of the truck engine, and an appropriation of not to exceed \$50.00 for booster brakes be made. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

Mayor Tolson presented a report of Assets and Liabilities of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, as of June 30, 1938, which was referred to the Torrance Herald for printing and comment.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Mr. Grey asked an extension of time for payment of his business license. He was informed that the City of Torrance has no other alternative than to collect the license fee in the regular manner, which, according to the ordinance, must be in advance.

Reverend Nicholls asked that his request for permission to use an amplifier car to announce church services be reconsidered. He stated that is his desire to cooperate in every way possible, and that his only objective is to announce special services, not to preach or become an annoyance. After a short period of discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Foursquare Gospel Church be granted permission to operate an amplifier car for thirty days, making announcements two afternoons each week. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell.

At 8:42 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bander
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

W. B. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance